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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1904.

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THE UNIVERSAL HOLIDAY OVER

Celebration of the Great
Christian Anniversary
General.

THOUSANDS ATTEND
SUNDAY SERVICES

Yesterday a Day of Abstinence
From Work, of Noisy Celebra-
tion, of Feasting and Con-
viviality, Family Reunions,
Social Calling
and Gift Giving.

Christmas, 1904, is now but a memory, and to many one of the pleasantest of their lives. The celebration of the day was more nearly universal, more orderly, and happily characterized by fewer casualties than any celebration for many years past. It was a day of plenty, too, and if any one went hungry, it was their own fault, for never was charity so liberally dispensed or so systematically and by so many agencies as yesterday. Many secret and benevolent societies, churches, religious and charitable organizations, theatres, clubs, business firms and corporations and thousands of individuals shared their plenty with their less fortunate brethren, and the widow and the orphan were cared for by loving hearts and willing hands. Indeed, the true spirit of Christmas was never before so fully manifested, both of the Sabbath and of the following day.

It is true there was revelry and over-indulgence in intoxicants and some unseemly conduct, but it is the general opinion that there was less drunkenness and better order than has been known in this city for many years. Hundreds served egg-nogs and wines, one or both, but there was no over-indulgence and very little unseemly hilarity. The street car conductors, who are in a position to encounter the worst of the cases of drunkenness, and the police whose business it is to maintain order and preserve the peace, both report having observed fewer cases of drunkenness than ever before at Christmas.

Weather Was Bad.
Murky, wintry skies with rainfall at intervals, both on Sunday and yesterday, somewhat marred the pleasure of the occasion, and tended to diminish calling, but there was much visiting and many persons who yesterday out of doors. The churches were unusually well attended Sunday and the services were everywhere appropriate to the occasion. The story of the birth of Christ was told in song and in the spirit in which it should be told, and the hymns of praise and adoration of the Babe of Bethlehem resounded in the churches and engaged the attention of the thousands of people. Despite the rain the services, both morning and evening, and especially the morning service, were well attended, and the religious school services were likewise well attended. It was the little ones to whom Christmas is the great occasion of the whole year, the date to which they look forward with longing hearts. The high order of interest and excellence generally of the programmes rendered being especially selected and finely rendered.

With the peal of the midnight bells the popular celebration of the great holiday began with salutes of the cannon and the display of the firing of all kinds. Generally, however, the pyrotechnic celebration was deferred to the morning, when many a bonfire arose before the dawn, and the early morning bonfire and the boom of explosives. All during the day and far into the evening the picket fire of pop-crackers was kept up, all kinds of devices of the pyrotechnic art being used to delight the eyes of the city. The small boys made bonfires in the streets and kept them blazing all day. Empty barrels and garbages boxes of tin, wheels, and various other articles were piled up, and the children, with their love for fire and for noise, these bonfires blazed in the streets were the rallying points for groups and crowds of boys all day, and many a time, in various parts of the city, the nature of the day and the dampness and chill of the evening. As night fell over the city the flash of Roman candles and the soaring streak of fire from rockets, the sparkling and the twinkling of the small boys, and the loud and the various other pyrotechnic devices, with occasional burning of red fire powder, made the darkness luminous. Small crackers, large ones, dynamite crackers, large and small, and "baby wipers" resulted with more or less reverberating noise all day and until 10 or 11 P. M. In front of the Bijou Theatre the boys had captured a beaver, and this crowned their bonfire and the bonfire with a blaze of light. In various parts of the city the small boys, at the imminent risk of the loss of an eye or other serious injury, engaged in Roman candle duels, and fired candles after candles with great precision at each other, and many a time, in various parts of the city, the small boys, at the imminent risk of the loss of an eye or other serious injury, engaged in Roman candle duels, and fired candles after candles with great precision at each other, and many a time, in various parts of the city, the small boys, at the imminent risk of the loss of an eye or other serious injury, engaged in Roman candle duels, and fired candles after candles with great precision at each other.

All Manner of Explosives.
Toy cannons and revolvers loaded with blank cartridges and some that were loaded with ball cartridges were resorted to in the effort to realize the boys' idea of celebrating-making a great noise. Many injuries resulted from the careless handling of fire-crackers and from burns caused by candles. In some cases real cannons were used, and in one case a very serious casualty occurred. This is reported in detail elsewhere. All day the noise was kept up without abatement, even for food in many cases, for the boys were making the best of their opportunities to enjoy the day to the fullest. On Broad Street, near the city yesterday afternoon, a group of boys, armed with Roman candles, chased another crowd and ran them to cover, until the police interfered. Although, however, the celebration was marked by the utmost good feeling, and most of the injuries sustained were the result of carelessness on the part of these injured.

The chief celebration of the day and (Continued on Second Page.)



RT. REV. ETHELBERT TALBOT, D. D., LL.D.,
Third Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

BISHOP FIGURES IN CHURCH SENSATION

Threatened Scandal In-
volves Prelate; Charge
Is Brought.

SOCIETY WOMAN'S
NAME MENTIONED

New Presentment Against Bishop
Talbot Filed With Chan-
celor and Set for Hearing
in Reading Next Month.
What the Chan-
cellor Says.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, December 26.—Not before in the history of the Episcopal Church in America has there been threatened a scandal involving such high personages as that which will be thrashed out in Reading, Penn., next month.

The central figures in the affair are the Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, a social leader of Newport, Philadelphia and Huntington, Penn., daughter of the late General Dosh, half sister of the former Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, who is now Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont; and the Rev. Ingram N. W. Irvine, the pastor of Huntington, whom Bishop Talbot un-erected because of his attitude toward Mrs. Elliott.

New Presentment.
A new presentment against Bishop Talbot has been drawn up in this city by Henry Budd, Chancellor of the diocese, and has been placed in the hands of Francis Lynde Stetson, personal counsel for J. Pierpont Morgan.

It was said to charge Bishop Talbot with conspiracy with Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, to ruin the Rev. Mr. Irvine and to accuse him of the dishonorable and unauthorized use of the names of fellow bishops in a letter tending to injure the former rector.

It is positively stated, however, that the new presentment omits the mention of the conspiracy with Mrs. Elliott. Still the friends of Rev. Mr. Irvine say they cannot see how the case can come up in any form without the woman who brought about the unfrocking of the rector by the Bishop being obliged to figure largely and there is little secret made of the fact that investigations are being made along that line.

Although Mr. Morgan has been generally credited with being the author of the new charge, because of the financier's great interest in the affairs of the Episcopate.

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FIRE VOLLEY INTO CHURCH; PASTOR SHOT

Negroes Fled in Every Direction.
White Man Found Dead
Near Building.

(By Associated Press.)
HANCYVILLE, ALA., Dec. 26.—While a negro congregation was holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stout's Mountain, a mining camp near here, a volley of shots was fired into the church from the outside. The Rev. Clay, the pastor, was shot through the hips, and will die. Two other men were probably fatally wounded. The other negroes hurried out of the building and fled in every direction. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner, was found near the church with a revolver lying nearby. It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party, and was accidentally killed by one of his comrades. John Jett, brother of the slain man, and Ted Blackwell, both white miners, have been arrested in connection with the affair.

Shot in the Chest.
John Jones and Buck Cheatham got into a fight at Stout and Daniel Streets about noon yesterday, and in the break-away Jones was hit in the chest with a bullet, which landed under the arm, and which was extracted by the ambulance surgeon. Cheatham was arrested.

STARVED TO DEATH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Young Woman Unconscious in
Park—Little Girl Gives
Life for Children.

SAD FEATURES OF MERRY DAY
Penniless Widow, Suffering From
Pneumonia, Falls in Street.
Cannot Recover.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The celebration of Christmas in New York was not without its pathetic features, and many sad cases came to the attention of the authorities.

A neatly dressed young woman of twenty-seven years was found unconscious, seated on a bench in Riverside Drive, and died before reaching a hospital. Her features told an eloquent story of privation and hardship. The ambulance surgeon was of the opinion that death resulted from long continued exposure without nourishment. She has not been identified.

Nine-year-old Jeanette McCoy, whose father was ill and unable to work, has been caring for her young brothers and sisters and helped her mother support the family by washing and scrubbing. To-day the little girl, worn out by her efforts, was taken to a hospital, where it was found she was suffering from diphtheria, and a few hours later she was dead. The physicians said she had literally starved herself to death in her endeavors to keep the other four children alive.

Killed in Fire.
A fire in an Allen Street house, early to-day, following a Christmas celebration, caused the death of two women and the serious injury of two women and a man.

Morris Fielding, a young clerk in a banking house, in a moment of despondency, ended his life at his home by shooting.

Feetling through the snow while suffering from pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Schneider, aged twenty-three, fell swooning on a sidewalk in Forty-fifth Street. Her husband died five months ago, and left her penniless, and she had been harbored by a woman friend. The physicians say she will die.

Following a trivial quarrel with his wife, Conrad Fredericks hanged himself in his home in East Forty-eighth Street.

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SENDING TROOPS TO PUT DOWN SAMAR TRIBE

Governor Wright Confirms Re-
port of Uprising Among
Pulajanes.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft to-day received a cable message from Governor Wright at Manila, in response to his inquiry in regard to the recent uprising of the Pulajanes at Dolores, Samar. Governor Wright's message is as follows:

"Manila, December 26, 1904.
"Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.
"With reference to your telegram of the 21st instant, I regret to say that General Corbin's report of attack on and loss of detachments of scouts at Oras and Dolores is correct. Pulajanes have of late left west and north sides of Samar and become active on the east coast, which is practically without harbor, and very difficult of access during prevalence of the existing monsoon. Orders were given some time since to strengthen all detachments on the east coast, but unfortunately this was delayed by wreck and loss of coast guard boat, carrying a hundred or more of the constabulary. The men were saved, but the delay in sending another coast guard boat to the rescue resulted in leaving these small detachments at Oras and Dolores isolated, and the consequent loss.

IMPERIAL UKASE PLEDGES NOTHING

Czar Promises That Min-
isters Will Report Re-
lief Measure.

FREEDOM OF PRESS;
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Widest Latitude and Autonomy
to be Given to Various Dis-
trict Zemstvos—Equal-
ity of All Citizens
Before the
Law.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Emperor Nicholas's long expected reform ukase was issued to-night. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the Emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of Zemstvo presidents held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety, as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

Summary of Subjects.
One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

In brief the subjects which will be referred to committees of the Council of Ministers for early report are:

First, Just and equitable enforcement of existing laws, with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the courts.

Second, Zemstvo organization, with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various district zemstvos, calling additional zemstvo representatives where required, and creating smaller zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasant.

Third, Equality of all citizens before the law. This touches the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth, Arranging a scheme of workmen's assurance for the benefit and protection of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth, To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action of the police except in cases of persons known to be committing or about to commit crimes against the stability of the State.

Sixth, The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect of creed or manner of worship.

Seventh, To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to the press, and the removal as far as possible of the various restrictive laws.

Value of Ukase.
The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known even in the newspaper offices all long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion it was considered to be a document whose ultimate value depended largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named.

Naturally it has not met the fullest wishes of the reformers, and it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of Liberal reforms. It is complained also, that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are entrusted.

Disorder in Empire.
The following communication was issued by the government early this morning:

"In the autumn of this year there was a meeting in St. Petersburg of several Zemstvos of the various governments who expressed a series of desires concerning what were, in their opinion, indispensable reforms of the interior government of the empire. These desires were made the subjects of action by members of various other governments, which met for the purpose, and also, notwithstanding the provisions of law, were considered at the deliberations of certain town councils, and Zemstvos. Thus by the action of the people who endeavored to introduce discord into public and State life, excitement arose in the minds of

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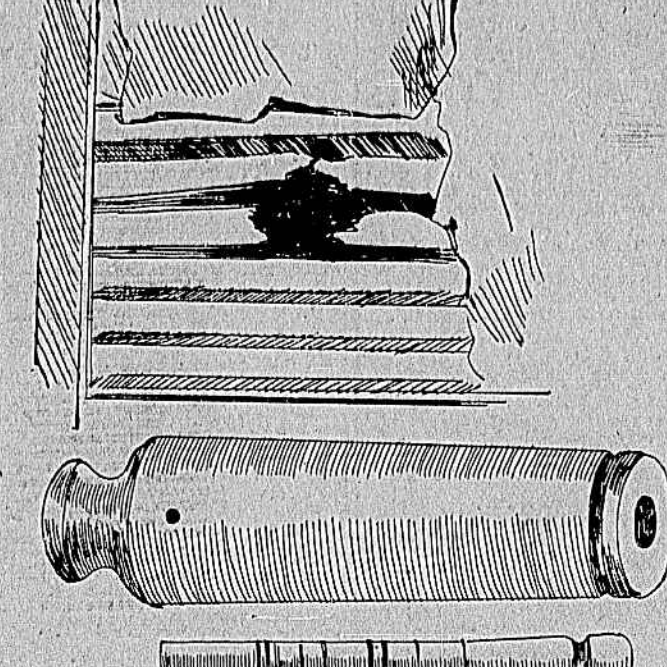
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TOY CANNON, ALMOST THE DEATH OF THREE.
Below the Cannon is the Ramrod, Which So Seriously Injured One of the Brothers.
The Hole in the Wall, Made by the Flying Hammer, is Shown Above the Cannon.

TOY CANNON NEARLY DEATH OF THREE MEN

BRILLIANT WAS
BAZAAR OPENING

Governor and Mayor Deliver Ap-
propriate Addresses at
Armory.

FLOWERLAND IS BEAUTIFUL
Armory Was Probably Never
Before Such an Attractive
Picture.

The armory of the Seventeenth Regiment presented a more brilliant and beautiful spectacle last night, perhaps, than it has ever presented in all its history. It was the formal opening of the "Flowerland" bazaar, an entertainment on a magnificent scale, undertaken by the ladies of the Beth Abrahah Auxiliary to raise funds for the new temple just dedicated.

The hall itself has been transformed from a bare and cheerless drill floor into a kaleidoscope of color and a veritable bower of beauty. The decoration of the building makes it an appropriate setting for a rarely beautiful moving scene, invested with warmth and color and glowing life. Rare taste and skill have been displayed in the arrangement and embellishment of the hall, and it is properly named Flowerland, for flowers have been used in the ornamentation of the eight beautiful booths, and the distinctive idea has been carried out with fidelity in each case.

Seldom is a more beautifully or handsomely gowned gathering assembled under one roof than that which defied the elements last night and ventured out to be present at the formal inauguration of a great enterprise undertaken by a great people. To beauty and color and motion the charm of rhythmic sound was added to make complete the pleasure of those present. Tardelli's band, stationed in the balcony, enlivened the evening with popular, classic and patriotic airs, in such variety as to please all.

An Auspicious Opening.
The opening exercises of the bazaar were had in Sanger Hall, which had been connected with the armory by means of a covered area extending from one of the armory windows into the hall adjoining. Upon the stage when the ex-

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A YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED IN A BUGGY

Not Even a Pouring Rain Could
Dampen Their
Arduous.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PULASKI, VA., Dec. 26.—Rev. T. B. Mills, of this place, performed a marriage ceremony here Christmas afternoon, in rather a novel way. William C. Harrell and Miss Dora Young, both of this county, got their license from the Circuit Court, and drove up to the walk in front of the pastor's house, called him out, explained the situation and asked that the ceremony be performed. The pastor went in, got his prayer book and brought his wife along as a witness and standing on the sidewalk whilst the contracting parties remained in the buggy, pronounced the words that made the two one. Several persons in the adjoining houses witnessed the ceremony from the doors and windows.

After the ceremony had been performed the happy pair, their faces covered with blushes, started for their new home. The weather was rather rough for an outside marriage, as it was drizzling rain, but the rain seemed not to have power to dampen their ardor.

All Fulton Alarmed by
Terrific Premature
Explosion.

HAMMER WAS HURLED
THROUGH THICK WALL

It Fell in Neighbor's Yard Ten
Yards Away—Ramrod Se-
riously Missed One Man's
Heart, Severely Cutting
Him, However—Sev-
eral Others Hurt.

An accident that came within the barrel shade of killing three men, and wrecking a house, occurred in Fulton yesterday morning.

Thomas, Charles and William Ferguson, brothers, all respected young citizens of Fulton, were the victims of the fatal toy cannon, and are now confined to their beds, all suffering horribly and one with wounds so serious that the doctors say it will be four days before they can determine the result.

The Ferguson residence is a substantial two-story frame house, at No. 625 Nicholson Street, Fulton. Early yesterday morning, about 6 o'clock, they decided to fire salutes in honor of Christmas holiday, using a cannon that Thomas Ferguson had discovered in the rear pile of the four-story yard at McGreer and Poirard's, more than a year ago. This cannon had been made of an old piece of steel shafting fourteen inches long, and three inches in diameter, in which a hole one and one-eighth inches in diameter and nine inches deep, had been bored. It weighed twenty-five pounds, and was a formidable piece of toy artillery, with which to awaken the slumbering neighborhood.

On last Christmas the Ferguson had fired the place many times, and had no fear of any danger. They had fired once and had taken the small "field piece" into an upper room to load it a second time when the accident occurred.

The cannon was placed upon a table in a room ten by twelve feet, with William Ferguson holding it, while Tom Ferguson poured in a full handful of powder and rammed the heavy charge home with a piece of the Times-Dispatch newspaper as wadding. Charles Ferguson stood three feet away directly in front of the mouth of the cannon and leaning against a blank wall. The wadding struck in the barrel and Thomas took a hammer to drive in the heavy iron ramrod ten inches long and an inch in diameter.

Exactly what happened to cause the explosion no one is able to explain, but

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SUFFERS COLLAPSE AND IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Dodge, Charged With Perjury,
Under Constant Care of
Physician.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, December 26.—Charles F. Dodge, who returned from Texas last week in charge of United States Marshal Hanson, to answer to a charge of perjury, suffered a collapse in his room at the Broadway Central Hotel to-day and a physician was speedily summoned. Later a second physician was called in consultation. During the remainder of the day one of the medical men was in constant attendance. He is said to be a very sick man, and under constant care of a physician.

Messrs. Jerome and Garvan spent most of the day in their offices working on the Dodge case. Mr. Jerome refused to be interviewed and said he could not say when he would present the case to the grand jury.

Entertainment Thursday.
The Christmas entertainment at the Almshouse will take place on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The affair promises to be most agreeable and doubtless the inmates will have an enjoyable time.

AWFUL CRIME AT RADFORD, VA.

James Linkous Charged
With Murder of Wife
and Step Child.

HER HEAD CRUSHED;
HOUSE SET AFIRE

The Residence Burned Also Oc-
cupied by Another Family.
Linkous Made No At-
tempt to Save His
Family if
Alive.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RADFORD, VA., Dec. 26.—The most horrible crime in the history of the town ushered in Christmas Day at Radford and the people are filled with horror and indignation. Mrs. James Linkous has been murdered in cold blood with her little adopted son, Willie, and everything points to the husband as the murderer. Added to the double murder is the crime of arson, the heartless wretch who dealt the death blow having fired the house to hide his guilt, notwithstanding the fact that it was occupied by another family.

The town was aroused between 9:30 and 4 o'clock by the clanging of the alarm bells and the fire company responding found the building on Second Street, occupied by the families of Mrs. Texas Butterworth and Mr. James Linkous on fire. The fire started in the basement, but the building was old and kerosene had possibly been used to the flames spread very rapidly and the building burnt like tinder.

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Woman and Child Burned.
The building fell, the roof light in the sky faded into a cold gray dawn and as the crowd scattered to their homes a sickening feeling spread over the town like a pall. An estimable woman and an innocent child had been burned up in the building and their blackened bodies lay under the debris of the fire. Worst of all, the husband had made no effort to save them and murmurs of foul play were heard on all sides.

The finding of the body of Mrs. Linkous stretched on the matting of her bed, a fracture in the skull and blood on her hair, strengthened the chain of evidence against her husband and the evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest left not a shadow of a doubt concerning his guilt.

Mrs. Butterworth stated that she was awakened by smoke and finding the house on fire, ran up stairs to awaken Mrs. Linkous. She found her bed-room door locked and could get no answer though she pounded on the door until her hands were numb. She was unable to rouse her, she hastened down stairs and got her aged mother and children out of the house. As she went out she claims that Mr. Linkous was moving his fender away from the house.

Made No Effort to Save Them.
She testified that she called to him to bring out his wife and children, but he paid no heed and went to ring the fire-bell a square away. After returning to the fire, he still had time to have rescued them and they been alive, and he so claimed.

There were many in the crowd who would have entered the house to save them, but all supposed they had joined Mrs. Butterworth's family at a neighbors. When finally asked concerning them, Linkous said they were in the building, but that he was unable then to attempt to reach them. Several offered to go in, but Linkous urged them not to attempt it. He said they might have gone out already.

His conflicting statements and indifference aroused suspicion against him, and link by link the chain of evidence has been built up sufficient to hold him for a awful crime. The body of little Willie was not found until late in the afternoon, it having fallen outside the foundation wall, and been covered with pieces of tin.

Killed Before Fire Occurred.
An examination of the skulls of both victims by Drs. Wilson Puqua and Farmer revealed clots of blood on the brain, underneath the fracture. Death must have occurred before the fire, was their verdict.

The coroner's jury met Sunday afternoon, but adjourned until Monday noon, as the body of the child had not been found at the time of their first meeting.

A large crowd gathered about the court-house to-day to learn the verdict of the jury. That Mrs. Virginia Linkous came to her death by a blow in the head, struck by some blunt instrument, was the verdict of the jury, and that all the evidence in the case pointed to her husband as the guilty agent. The same verdict was rendered concerning the child.

It was rendered concerning the child, and the fact carefully guarded all night. The Commonwealth's attorney is in Richmond, but as soon as he returns a grand jury will be summoned and the case speedily tried. Linkous is about fifty-five years old and has a bad reputation. A faithful wife and devoted mother to the little boy she had adopted.

No motive for the crime is known. Some think there is a woman in the case. Others think it was done in a fit of anger. Time alone will tell. Public sentiment is very strong against Linkous, but he will be carefully guarded, and the law allowed to take its course.

TAKEN TO ROANOKE.
Removed Because High Feeling Indicated a Lynching.

(By Associated Press.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 26.—James Linkous, a Radford, Va., man, was taken to Roanoke to-night to prevent lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens, after a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict that he murdered his wife and adopted son early yesterday morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime. It is charged that Linkous beat the brains of his victims with a blunt instrument and then

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